

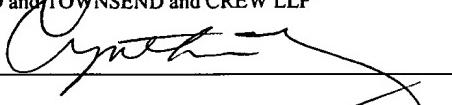


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In re application of:

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Application No.: 09/944,946

Filed: August 31, 2001

For: STORAGE CONTROL
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Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 2799

Examiner: Abdelmoniem I. Elamin

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AMENDMENT

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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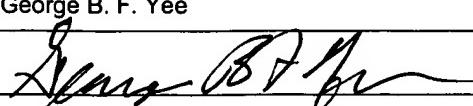
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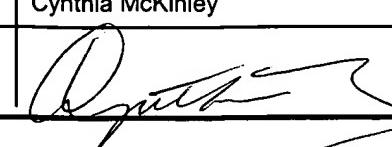
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